

Win, Lose, or Draw

By FRANCIS STANN

Hold That Tiger!

Some additional data on the Missouri football squad that will play Maryland on January 2 in the Gator Bowl is beginning to find its way East, and those people down in Columbia can make out a case for themselves. The Tigers, for example, can lay claim to an even better passing attack than they had in the days of Pichin' Paul Christman, Missouri's first All-American.

Coach Don Faurot uses three passers. Quarterback Phil Klein and the offensive halfbacks, Dick Braznell and Johnny Glorioso, when Missouri takes to the air, and the net result in 1949 was a group record of 46 per cent completions. Even in his best collegiate season, Christman never bettered 45 per cent.

Nearly 1,500 of the 3,859 yards gained in Missouri's 10 games this year came through the air, and if Jim Tatum is putting on a strong Maryland-Pears-Missouri act at College Park that's understandable. Maryland's forte is its line, a big, rugged wall, but the evidence is that would seem to put the burden on Tatum's defensive backs.

Missourians like to refer to a game the Tigers lost as a means of building up their team. That was the 35-34 decision dropped to Ohio State, which is Rose Bowl-bound. Against the Big Ten's standard bearers, Missouri made more first downs, completed more passes and produced more total offense than any of nine other Ohio State opponents this season.

He Loses, but Not by Much

This is what Missouri's publicity department says, anyway, in retelling how the Tigers rolled up 25 first downs to 15 for the Buckeyes. And how their 13 completed passes beat Southern California's even dozen against Ohio State. And how Missouri's total offense was 507 net yards, while Minnesota's 339 yards was the next highest figure.

On the other hand, Maryland's got some statistics going for it, too. The Faurot-coached Tigers have a dismal bowl record to date, something like the Brooklyn Dodgers' record in World Series competition. This will be Faurot's fourth bowl try and he hasn't won yet.

True, Don doesn't lose by big margins. In the 1940 Orange Bowl his team was defeated by Georgia Tech, 21-7, which was far and away the most decisive beating. In 1942, in the Sugar Bowl, he got nosed out, 2-0, by Fordham, but even this wasn't the narrowest margin. In the 1949 Gator Bowl, the Tigers bowed to Clemson, 24-23.

From Disciples, a Bad Time

On one other point Maryland may have reason for optimism. Up to now, Don Faurot not only doesn't seem able to buy a bowl victory, but he can't lick Split-T teams.

This is high irony, too, because, in case anybody came in late, Faurot is practically Mr. Split-T. If he did not actually invent the variation, which roughly separates the linemen and the backs, and employs the quarterback as a frequent ball carrier, Faurot at least is the most enthusiastic missionary for the faith. Last summer, for instance, he made six clinical appearances over the Nation, preaching the Split-T.

Earlier he had preached to a handful of disciples. Tatum was one. Bud Wilkinson of Oklahoma, generally hailed as Coach-of-the-Year, was another. Both served as Faurot's assistants, and he hasn't been able to beat either of them in four tries, with his fifth coming up.

A Potent T, at That

Faurot got serious about the Split-T during the war, when he served in Tom Hamilton's athletic program, but his postwar teams, while generally successful, haven't fared well against those of their former pupils. Before coming to Maryland, Tatum beat Faurot, 27-6, and Wilkinson took three in a row by 21-12, 41-7 and 27-7.

But if Faurot can't stop the Frankenstein he created, he's at least done all right, in an overall way, with the Split-T. His Missouri Tigers are regular bowl-goers and the seeds of his missionary work never bore more fruit than last season.

Oklahoma and Wilkinson had an unbeaten season, for instance, and Faurot's own club is playing in the Gator Bowl. Cornell used the Split-T and won the Ivy League title. Virginia and Maryland did all right, too, and a lot of nice things were said for a late convert, Wisconsin, in the Big Ten.

Pacific Coast Fives Walloped In 8 of 9 Intersectional Tilts

By the Associated Press

Last night was a black one for Pacific Coast basketball teams.

They engaged in nine intersectional games against foes from the East and Midwest—and lost eight.

Idaho, 41-39 victor over Iowa State, was the only winner.

Southern California and California, from the southern division of the Pacific Coast Conference, took it on the chin from Long Island and New York University, respectively, in a double-header at Madison Square Garden. U. S. C. absorbed a 70-45 licking while California thumped, 69-50.

Los Angeles Loyola made it nip-and-tuck against Boston College in Boston, but lost, 55-53, on Frank Higgins' set shot in the last seven seconds.

Washington and Oregon State, members of the PCC Northern division, played at home, but nevertheless lost to the undefeated Big Ten quintets, Minnesota and Indiana.

Minnesota, aided by Maynard Johnson's accurate shooting, chalked up a 55-53 triumph in the last two minutes. Indiana had an easier time in taking Oregon State, 58-53. The Hoosiers held a half-time edge and stayed in front the rest of the way.

In the other three tilts, Hamline

socked St. Mary's of California, 75-41; Indiana State whipped Southern Oregon, 62-52; and Iowa Teachers dumped Fresno State, 64-42.

There were other intersectional games between major teams. North Carolina State, Southern Conference champs, bounced back from Monday's defeat to trim Michigan, of the Big Ten, 63-52.

Holy Cross stayed in the unbeaten class by taking Kansas, 57-53; Missouri hung on to nip Wisconsin, 50-48; St. Louis whipped Georgia Tech, 59-45; and once-beaten Tulane walloped Baylor, 86-53.

Stanford nosed out Oregon, 70-67, on the Pacific Coast while at Columbia, S. C., South Carolina registered a surprise 54-44 victory over Duke in a Southern Conference fray. This feat established South Carolina as the conference dark-horse.

Auburn beat Alabama, 45-40, in a Southeastern Conference struggle, while unbeaten Siena (N. Y.) won its 10th in a row with a 49-46 triumph over Southern Illinois.

Nate Delong stretched his collegiate individual scoring record to 2,253 points by getting 21 points against Regis as he sparked his River Falls (Wis.) Teachers team to a 64-52 triumph at Denver.

Yankees Interested in Phil Marchildon

By the Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—The New York Yankees who apparently feel their livery is a cure-all for ailing and disappointing ball-players are believed interested in the "strange case of Pitcher Phil Marchildon."

During the recent major league meeting Manager Casey Stengel of the Yanks indicated interest in the smallest pitcher from Penetanguishene, Ontario. Stengel is reported to have offered Outfielder John Lindell for the A's right hander provided doctors reported his arm is in good shape.

Connie Mack always has openly coveted Lindell, but he steadfastly refused to part with the likes of Pitcher Joe Coleman to get the big outfielder. He might be willing to make a deal with Marchildon as bait.

The Marchildon-Lindell deal dropped up today with the news that the pitcher was in Philadelphia preparatory to going to Baltimore for an examination by Dr. George E. Bennett, surgeon who removed the bone spur from Joe Di Maggio's heel last spring.

Philadelphia officials say they are bearing the expense of bringing Marchildon on from Canada for the examination, but the popular belief is that the Yanks are footing the bill to find out if the hurler is fit.

Apparently Stengel feels the old Yankee magic will work with Marchildon—put on a New York



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Caps Face Lakers Tonight to Start Yuletide Grind

Game Is First Of 7 in 8 Nights; Dillon in Debut

New Player Makes Timely Arrival; Mikan Heading Invaders

By Bill Fuchs

The Washington Caps begin their struggle to remain among the top four teams of the Eastern Division of the National Basketball Association tonight when they oppose the Minneapolis Lakers at Uline Arena at 8:30 o'clock.

Boostered by the addition of John (Hook) Dillon, the Caps figure to need all the help obtainable to keep ahead of the fourth-place onrushing Baltimore Bullets and the tail-end Philadelphia and Boston clubs.

Starting tonight, the Caps must play seven games in eight nights, a schedule that might determine whether they will land a playoff berth. Only two teams from the Eastern Division will be left out of the money-making playoffs and their arduous schedule may leave the Caps so worn that they will be one of the two.

Visit Bullets Tomorrow

The Caps play the Bullets in Baltimore tomorrow night and return here against Boston Friday, spend Christmas at St. Louis against the Bombers, play at Anderson the following day, at Rochester the 27th and wrap up the breath-taking pace here against Syracuse next Wednesday.

By that time the Caps may be trailing Baltimore and struggling to keep Philadelphia behind them. A victory tonight against the Lakers, to whom they've lost twice this season, would be a great psychological boost.

With the exception of the Bullets, there is no team the Caps would rather beat than Minneapolis, which bounced them around in the championship playoffs last season.

The Caps carry a 10-10 record into tonight's contest and whether they lift themselves past the .500 mark may depend on the debut of Dillon, a former University of North Carolina hook-shot artist, who, incidentally, damaged a finger in practice last season.

Was McKinney's Teammate

The 6-foot-3-inch, 180-pound Dillon flew here last yesterday to sign a contract. He was a teammate of Bones McKinney with the Tar Heels in 1945-6 and that season averaged 21 points a game in the NCAA tournament at Madison Square Garden.

The Oklahoma Aggies beat Dillon, McKinney and Co. in the final game. Dillon has been playing with Hanes Hosiery Mills in North Carolina.

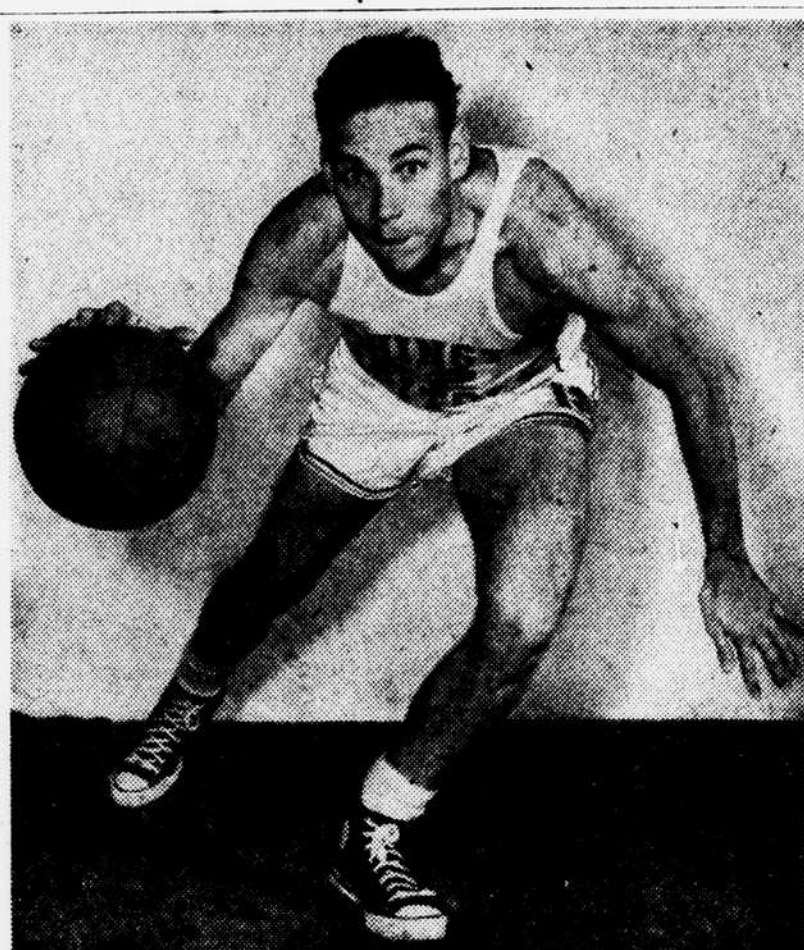
Only 24 years old, Dillon will give welcome relief to the Caps who seem to be tiring. McKinney is over 30 and doesn't seem to have the zip of former years. Bob Feerick, over 28 and suffering from a knee injury, may be over the hill. Chick Reiser at 35 doesn't appear to age, but can't go on forever.

The Caps again will be confronted with Big George Mikan and the smooth Jim Pollard, the Lakers' one-two punch. They totaled 44 points last night, as Minneapolis bowed to Rochester.

Mikan, 6-foot-10-inch scoring wizard, is the NBA chief point-getter at this stage. He carries an average of more than 28 points a game.

While Mikan is the basket man, Pollard is the smooth, clever operator. He has led the ball for 40 seconds and then fired a long one-lander to give Minneapolis a last-second victory over Washington in the first game between these clubs here this season. The Lakers won a 17-point victory over the Caps in their last meeting at Minneapolis.

Tonight's activities will get under way with a game between the Pat O'Briens and the Naval Receiving Station at 7:15.



CAPS' NEW PLAYER—John (Hook) Dillon, two-time All-American basketball player at North Carolina, dribbles into the local picture tonight when he makes his debut with the Washington Capitals against the Minneapolis Lakers at Uline Arena. He signed with the club yesterday.

Probe of Gift Sent to Judge Trying Redskin Case Is Asked

District Court today was asked to investigate the offer of a gift pen and pencil set to Judge David A. Pine while he was presiding in a suit involving the Washington Redskins.

Attorney James J. Laughlin made the request today in a motion to cite Leo De Orsay, a Redskins stockholder, if the facts show that the gift offer was "an attempt to pollute the streams of justice."

In the request, Laughlin asked the court to require De Orsay and any other Redskins officials involved to show cause why they should not be held in contempt of court or that the matter be referred to the United States attorney for possible criminal prosecution.

The lawyer's motion said the gift was offered to Judge Pine yesterday afternoon during a recess in the trial in which Ralph Ruthstrom, former Redskins fullback, claimed \$4,100 in back pay. Ruthstrom was suspended in 1947. The Redskins management filed a counter suit for \$241.80 claimed as the balance due on a loan.

Suit Won by Redskins

Judge Pine granted a directed verdict for the Redskins, dismissed the suit and ordered him to repay the Redskins the \$241.80 balance.

Relating the background for his contempt motion, Attorney Laughlin said Judge Pine had called opposing counsel to his chambers yesterday afternoon and told them some one representing De Orsay had delivered a pen and pencil set as a gift. Judge Pine reportedly said he had refused the gift and told Mr. Laughlin he would declare a mistrial if the lawyer insisted.

Mr. Laughlin said he felt a mistrial would not be necessary since he was sure the gift would not affect Judge Pine's judgment. The lawyer emphasized, however, that the delivery of any gift to a judge violates the ethics of the bar.

Laughlin said the court should investigate the entire matter to see whether other gifts were made to other judicial officers or jurors in the case and if such gifts were made, to determine their purpose.

Before Judge Pine's decision last night, the jury of 11 men and one woman had heard George Marshall, Redskins president, call Ruthstrom a "bitter disappointment" to the team and accuse him of letting down both the team and Washington fans by leaving the team to return to his home at Houston, Tex., in October, 1947.

The judge ignored Ruthstrom's plea that he left without notifying club officials to go to the bedside of his then-ailing mother.

A 54-page deposition from Commissioner Bert Bell of the National Football League also was introduced, in which Bell declared Ruthstrom a former Southern Methodist fullback, never appealed to him for a hearing in the case. The commissioner added that Ruthstrom could have had one at any time and cited instances in which players had been given hearings over the telephone when situated at great distances from his Philadelphia office.

Bel denied the Redskins could prevent Ruthstrom from playing football by suspending him in the league. He said that had Ruthstrom asked for a hearing he would have granted it and made a ruling ordering the Redskins to take him back or make him free to play with any other club in the league if he (Bell) felt the suspension was unjustified.

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Nostrad, Big Center, Purchased by Stags

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—George Nostrad, 6-foot-8-inch former Wyoming center, was obtained yesterday by the Chicago Stags from the tri-city Blackhawks.

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A. U. Quint Faces Ohio Wesleyan In Last '49 Tilt

Eagles Concentrate Tonight on Stopping Jud Millhon and Twin

American University, which has attempted to build a defense for Ohio Wesleyan's Jud Millhon after watching him score 29 points against Maryland on Monday, entertains the Battling Bishops tonight at 8:45 in the last college basketball game here this year.

The A. U. freshmen will take a 4-1 record against Central High School in a 7 o'clock preliminary.

Millhon, who shoots soft hook shots from the pivot post, passes off to his speedy teammates and uses his 6 feet 5 inches to advantage off the backboards, has averaged better than 20 points a game through his sophomore year and seven games this season.

The Battling Bishops make the most of Millhon's scoring power, but the defending Ohio Conference champions are by no means a one-man team. Jud's twin brother, Bill, Russ Ramsey, Jack Smith, the captain, and Dave Bruck are other dependables.

Ohio Wesleyan has won three and lost four this season, but three of its defeats have been at the hands of powerhouses—Baldwin-Wallace, Ohio U. and West Virginia, the latter at Morgantown, where the Mountaineers have lost only twice in five years.

The Bishops beat Maryland, 75-71. Behind Millhon's 19.9 average Smith is averaging better than 13 points a game. For the Eagles Leroy Ishman is averaging 13.2 points, Bob Lamon 12.8 and Ronnie Garshag, who will draw Millhon tonight if the Eagles play man-for-man defense, is averaging 12.3.

The Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Association will have a block of 50 seats tonight and will be joined by Dr. Arthur Fleming, president of the school and former dean of American University.

The Battling Bishops' holiday swing tomorrow night against Loyola in Baltimore.

Reports Say Fesler, Buck Coach, May Quit

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 21.—Will Coach Wes Fesler, whose Ohio State University Bucks clash with California in the Rose Bowl January 2, quit football?

Reports he will resign to enter the business world are strong. Confronted with the reports on the West Coast, where he is putting his players through their paces, Fesler said:

"No comment."

One report has it that the university's Board of Trustees now is discussing possible successors. Another says that Athletic Director Dick Larkin has told friends he would lay all applications before the Board of Athletic Control, and not pick a successor himself.

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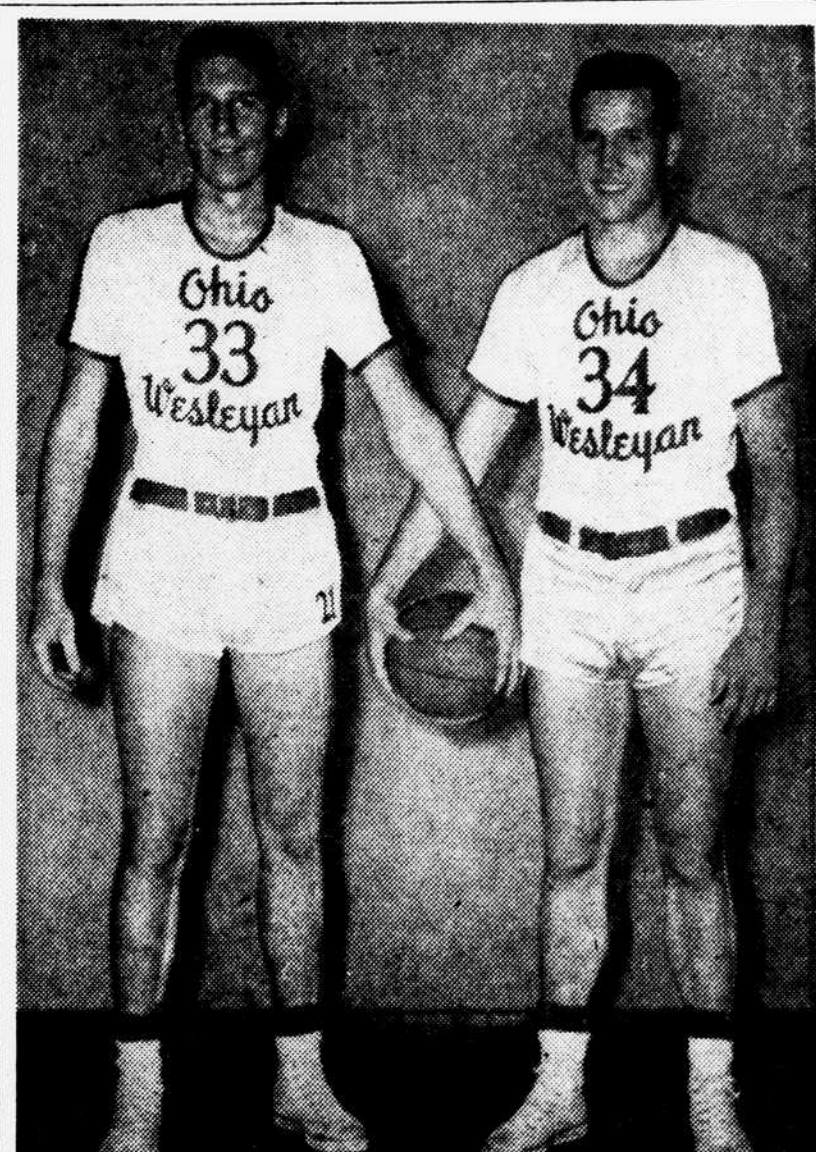
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DOUBLE TROUBLE—Twin brothers Jud (left) and Bill Millhon will appear with the Ohio Wesleyan basketball team against American University at 8:45 tonight in the A. U. gym. Jud is the scoring ace of the visiting team and gave one of the finest college court exhibitions seen here in years by scoring 29 points against Maryland Monday night.

Buffalo Bid for Place In New Grid League Wins Bell's Support

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Commissioner Bert Bell of the National American Football League has encouraged local pro football fans who are campaigning for a franchise.

A five-man Buffalo delegation returned here last night after meeting with Bell in a hotel suite in New York.

Dr. James J. Aillinger, co-chairman of a drive to raise \$500,000 for adequate financing, said the group was "convinced that (Buffalo) has an excellent chance of securing an operating franchise in the new circuit."

Only three teams of the All-America Conference were included in the merger with the National League. The Buffalo Bills were not one of them.

"Bell stated, emphatically," Dr. Aillinger said, "that Buffalo would be welcomed with open arms if the 13 owners now holding franchises were assured, in advance, of substantial 'sales' for every home game in Buffalo."

"Asked for his own reaction to the Buffalo application, Bell stated: 'I personally would like to see Buffalo in the new league. . . . Already several owners in our league have indicated their willingness to have Buffalo as a partner in this new enterprise. But it is still a business proposition, and the stronger season ticket figures you can offer the better chance you have to get a franchise.'"

Dr. Aillinger said the committee would get to work on plans for accepting season ticket pledges as soon as possible. He added that a formal application for admission to the new league would be made January 10.

Bell was quoted as saying he thought an advance of \$240,000 for a six-game home schedule would certainly impress league officials.

Katkaevack a Father

Leo Katkaevack of the Washington Caps became a father today. Mrs. Katkaevack and her 63-pound son were reported in fine fettle at Sibley Hospital.

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